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For : METHOD OF PREPARING A PROTEIN ARRAY BASED ON  
BIOCHEMICAL PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued December 3, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the December 3, 2002 Office Action is due March 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

### In the Specification

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the replacement abstract provided on page A34 in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the abstract, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is provided on page B34 in **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, with the replacement paragraph in clean form provide on page A2 in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the paragraph, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is